

AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Previously amended) A cat toy comprising:  
a flexible elongated tube capable of being positioned in a multitude of S-shaped curves, the tube having a first end, a second end, and a middle portion, the elongated tube made from a crinkly plastic film molded to a plurality of spring-steel coiled wire loops which form a helical frame structure, the helical frame structure having at least one loop per inch along the entire length of the elongated tube, the middle portion of the elongated tube having an interior surface and exterior surface, and a layer of fabric attached to the interior surface of the middle portion and a second layer of fabric attached to the exterior surface of the middle portion, wherein movement of a cat or other pet within the elongated tube causes the emission of noise from the crinkly plastic film.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Canceled)
5. (Original) The cat toy of claim 1 wherein the flexible elongated tube defines at least one air hole.
6. (Original) The cat toy of claim 1 wherein the flexible elongated tube has a substantially circular cross section and the diameter of the elongated tube is from 10 to 20 inches.
7. (Original) The cat toy of claim 1 further comprising a removable cover piece, wherein the cover piece covers either the first or second end of the flexible elongated tube.
8. (Original) The cat toy of claim 1 wherein the crinkly plastic material is polyethylene.
9. (Previously Amended) The cat toy of claim 1 wherein a catnip treat is suspended from an interior surface of the middle portion.

10. (Original) The cat toy of claim 1 wherein the flexible elongated tube is from 24 to 72 inches in length when extended.

11. (Original) The cat toy of claim 1 wherein the flexible elongated tube is from 36 to 60 inches in length when extended.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Amended) A method of fabricating a cat toy, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a spring-steel coiled wire having at least one revolution of coiled wire every inch;

molding a crinkly plastic film on the spring-steel coiled wire to form a flexible elongated tube having an interior passage, the flexible elongated tube being capable of positioning in a S-shaped curve; and

attaching a cloth layer to the interior passage.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13 further comprising attaching a second cloth layer to an exterior surface of the flexible elongated tube.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14 further comprising forming at least one air hole through the elongated tube.

16. (Previously Added) The cat toy of claim 1 wherein a portion of the fabric layer attached to the interior of the middle portion of the flexible elongated tube extends beyond the first end and second end of the flexible elongated tube to form a fabric mat entrance.

17. (Previously Added) The cat toy of claim 1 wherein a portion of the fabric layer attached to the exterior of the middle portion of the flexible elongated tube extends beyond the first end and second end of the flexible elongated tube to form a fabric flap entrance into the flexible elongated tube.

18. (Previously Added) The cat toy of claim 1 wherein the first end and second end of the flexible elongated tube each define an edge, and wherein a first protective edge covering

encases the first end edge and a second protective edge covering encases the second end edge, the first and second protective edge covering protecting the first end and second end, respectively, of the flexible elongated tube from fraying and/or tearing.

19. (Previously Added) The cat toy of claim 7 wherein the removable cover piece has a cylindrical cup shape for engagement to either the first or second end of the flexible elongated tube.

20. (Previously Added) The cat toy of claim 1 wherein one or more of the loops at the first end are compressed together to form a substantially enclosed end.